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PLYMOUTH



MAIN STREET, FACING THE PARK.

THE settlement which has grown into the village of Plymouth was begun in 1825. In that year William Starkweather made a clearing and erected a log hut where the residence of John Fuller was afterward located. Mr. Starkweather was soon followed by John Tibbitts, Hoswell Root, John Vansickle, A. B. Markham, Peter and Henry Fralick, and a few others, and it was not long before quite a respectable settlement was in progress. The post-office was for some years known as Plymouth Corners, and the first post-master was Gideon P. Benton. The first general store was opened by Timothy Lyon in 1829 and was located a little north of the present site of Hotel Plymouth. The first flouring mill was erected by Luther Lincoln on the present Beals farm just east of the village. The first blacksmith was Alanson Knickerbocker. Merrills Harrington, who still resides in the village, was one of the early settlers.

In 1837 the place was platted by Wm. Bradner and Henry Holbrook, but it was not incorporated into a village until 1867. At the first village election there were 129 votes cast and the following persons were elected: President, Bethuel Noyes; Recorder, Michael Conner; Treasurer, A. B. Coleman; Assessors, W. A. Bassett, L. H. Bennett; Trustees, Samuel Hardenburg, I. N. Hedden, Ira M. Hough, Abram Fralick, F. W. Fairman.

To-day Plymouth is a village of 1,500 population situated 25 miles west of Detroit, at the junction of the Saginaw and Grand Rapids divisions of the Pere Marquette railroad. It is surrounded on all sides by a prosperous farming community and its proximity to the metropolis of the state makes it a good shipping point for the products of the farm. In addition to the two railroads above mentioned, Plymouth is connected with Detroit, Pontiac, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor by electric railway, the Detroit, Plymouth & Northville road, which extends from North-

ville to Wayne, via Plymouth, and there connects with the Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor line. The electric road which is now being built from Jackson to Detroit will also pass through the village and enter Detroit on Warren Ave., making it a very direct and desirable route to the city.

The people of Plymouth are blessed with one of the finest water works systems in the country. The water comes from a never-failing spring, 4 1/2 miles distant, and was piped to the village at a cost of \$30,000. The system is known as the gravity system and is very inexpensive, there being no outlay except for repairs and extensions. The water has a fall of 109 feet, thus furnishing ample force for fire protection.

The fire department of the village was organized about seven years ago and consists of three hose companies and one hook and ladder company. They are all thoroughly equipped for fighting fire and although a volunteer department, the members exhibit as much bravery and intelligence while

on duty as do salaried firemen. The present chief is (George W. Hunter).

Another factor which has assisted to a certain extent in the progress of the village, is the Plymouth Fair Association, which was organized in 1885 and incorporated under the laws of the state. The Association has given a fair nearly every year since that date, and enjoys the reputation throughout the state of holding good, clean exhibitions. The grounds and buildings are located within the village on the line of the electric railway, and a better half-mile track would be hard to find.

Plymouth is certainly progressing. For nearly half a century the old town was in a sort of semi-comatose condition, but there has been an awakening. It is growing; and it is not a mushroom growth such as some villages and cities enjoy for a brief period and then suffer a relapse from which they never recover. Plymouth is pushing to the front with a gradual healthy growth which promises to make it the peer of any Michigan village of like population.

This condition of things is due in a great measure to the stability of our manufacturing institutions. The one thing that has made Plymouth famous more than all things else combined is the air rifle, and the old saying, "Tall Oaks From Little Acorns Grow," is truly exemplified in the two plants which manufacture exclusively this world-renowned commodity.

The Markham Air Rifle Co. and the Daisy Manufacturing Co. began business several years ago on a small scale, and their first creations were indeed crude when compared with the guns that are being turned out at the present time. But they grew and prospered. The men at the head of these institutions were men of good business judgment, and the phenomenal success with which they have met during the past few years is certainly a credit to their ability. They have improved their guns from year to year, erected new buildings, added labor saving machinery, increased their pay rolls, and extended their trade until to-day they

are manufacturing and shipping more air rifles than any other locality in the United States. Egypt, Italy, Russia, China, in fact all foreign countries have learned of Plymouth, Mich., U. S. A., through the air rifle.

The cartridge rifle factory of the Hamilton Rifle Co. is also located here. The plant is entirely on the ground floor and contains the very latest improved machinery. The rifle manufactured here is the invention of C. J. Hamilton & Son, and although the factory has been in operation less than two years, they are employing from 30 to 40 hands the year round and have built up an extensive trade.

Our manufactories are certainly doing a vast amount of good to the village. Add to this fact that our business men are wide awake and progressive and our people in general are in sympathy with any project that tends to the betterment of the village, and we can understand why we are enjoying an era of prosperity. Besides the rifle factories, a cheese

factory, managed by Jolliffe Bros., does quite an extensive business in Plymouth. Last year nearly 3,000,000 pounds of milk were handled and \$25,000 in hard cash distributed among the farmers in this section. Three flouring mills, saw mill, elevator and stock yards all flourish here and give the farmers a market for anything they may have to sell.

Another sign of enterprise is the existence of a flourishing local telephone exchange. The Plymouth Telephone Co. was incorporated April 13, 1900. The line was started Sept. 19, 1900, with 65 subscribers, and to-day there are 110. The Company use the very best (Stromberg-Carlson) instruments made and the other equipment is correspondingly good. The officers are: A. A. Taft, president; C. H. Rauch, vice president; E. C. Hough, secretary; C. A. Fisher, treasurer.

A cigar factory with George W. Springer as proprietor, is in operation the year round. He manufactures the "Mail," "Hotel Plymouth," "Horseman's Favorite" and "Hotel Victor," and finds ready sale for all that he can make. Plymouth is also the home of the Wherry mole trap, W. N. Wherry, inventor and manufacturer. Thousands of these traps are in use throughout the United States and Mr. Wherry still manufactures them at the rate of several hundred a year.

Within the village are two banks. First National Exchange and Plymouth Savings. Each are capitalized at \$50,000 and they are sound financial institutions. Our school and church facilities are excellent, and taken all in all, Plymouth is one of the most desirable villages in the state in which to locate.

The present officers of the village are: Harry C. Robinson, president; H. J. Baker, clerk; C. A. Fisher, treasurer; A. J. Lapham, A. H. Dibble, J. O. Eddy, V. E. Hill, E. C. Hough, C. E. Penney, trustees; George W. Hunter, assessor.

The township officers of the township of Plymouth elected at the recent township election are as follows: Supervisor, R. L. Root; Clerk, F. A. Dibble; Treasurer, C. W. Bradner; Justice of the Peace, George Peterhans; Highway Commissioner, Wm. Henry; Member Board of Review, J. B. Pattison; School Inspector (full term), G. H. Wilcox; School Inspector (fill vacancy), C. H. Rauch; Constables, J. E. Hood, D. Smith, T. F. Chilson, W. S. Robinson.

THE DEPARTMENT STORE

Dry Goods....

The nearness of warmer, pleasanter weather is strongly hinted at by our collection of Spring Goods. The need of several pretty Wash Dresses for hot weather wear hardly requires argument, nor the fact that it's a good idea to buy the material and have the sewing done now. The only open question is: Where can the most attractive Fabrics at equally attractive Prices be found?

We Claim that Right Here at this Store,

We can supply every demand in

Dress Goods, Wash Goods, Laces, Silks, Satins,
Fancy Dress Trimmings, Silkolines, Art Denims,
Ladies' and Misses' Shirt Waists, Skirts, Wrappers,

And everything that is to be found in an Up-to-date Dry Goods Department. We have the largest line of Swiss Embroidery ever shown in Plymouth. Prices from 15c to 50c per yard, and they will please the customer in every respect. Come in and see if this is not so.

OUR GROCERY DEPT

Is filled with fresh, clean goods. If you are in need of any CANNED GOODS, come to us. We make a Specialty in this line.

FINE LINE OF TEAS AND COFFEES,

Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Bananas and Confectionery.

HIGH GRADE CIGARS AND TOBACCOS

A New Departure...

We have just added to our immense stock a thoroughly Up-to-date

BOOT AND SHOE DEPARTMENT,

Where can be found the finest and largest stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Footwear ever offered in Plymouth.
Every pair is of the

Latest Style and Best Workmanship

Were bought for us by an experienced Shoeman, and are from the best manufacturers in the country. We carry a complete General Stock, from High Grade Novelties to Medium Price and serviceable Workshoes. Call on us before buying, examine our quality and prices and we will convince you that we can save you money on any and all goods that you buy of us. *Small expenses and close buying for SPOT CASH, we give you the benefit*
Your old Shoeman, **Mr. H. C. Bennett**, will be pleased to wait upon you. If we have not got in stock what you want, will order it for you. We are sole agents for the PURITAN Shoe, no doubt the best \$3.50 line made in the United States, certainly the nobbiest and the most stylish.

In connection with our Shoe Department we shall have a **THOROUGHLY UP-TO-DATE HABERDASHER**, And will cater to the wants of the most fastidious dressers. We are now receiving daily the latest importations in Neckwear, Collars, Cuffs and Shirts, that are the latest creations of style and Novelties. We shall make a special effort in this direction.

FREE DELIVERY

J. R. RAUCH & SON

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Our gathering of Spring Goods for this season stands pre-eminent for style, for newness, for novelty, for variety and for Lowness of Price. Just glance over this list:

<p>A New Line of WASH GOODS</p>	<p>LADIES' Muslin Underwear</p>
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DIMITIES
LAWNS
PERCALES
PRINTS
OUTINGS
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GOWNS
SKIRTS
DRAWERS
CORSET COVERS
LADIES' VESTS

LARGE ASSORTMENT of SHIRTWAISTS

THE LATEST STYLES AND COLORS.



WE have the newest styles in Men's Hats and Caps. All the new shades and shapes—Pearl, Gray and Brown. Also a fine line of Gloves for Ladies and Men. We carry a full line of Furnishings.



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Don't fail to call and see our Spring Goods.
Butter and Eggs taken in exchange for Goods.

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SPRING IS AT HAND!

And with it Come our new and Up-to-Date Patterns in

Watches
Clocks
Jewelry



Sterling Silverware
Silver Plated Ware
Dresden Tea Sets

We also have a Large Line of

Purses, Bill Books and Card Cases,

Albums and Celluloid Goods,

Mirrors and Medallions,

Musical Instruments, Cameras,

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OUR OPTICAL DEP'T

Is very complete. Having added a new Ophthalmometer, we now claim to be able to remedy any eye trouble that can be helped by the use of lenses.

ALL GOODS MARKED FREE OF CHARGE.

C. G. DRAPER,

JEWELER
OPTICIAN

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One year ago we opened our Furniture Store to the public and the business of the year just closed has more than met our anticipation. We have aimed to give the people of Plymouth and vicinity the very best goods that money can buy at the very lowest prices.

Furniture

We have a large stock of Furniture of all descriptions, which we will continue to sell at

**ROCK
BOTTOM
PRICES**

LACE CURTAINS

We have added to our stock an Up-to-date line of Lace Curtains with patent corded edge. They are the very best. We invite you to call and inspect our Lace Curtain Parlor. Our prices are The lowest in town.

We also carry Curtain Poles and Fixtures of all kinds.

Picture Framing

For the next 60 days we will do Picture Framing at one-third off. Take advantage of this and have your Pictures framed. See the latest styles in Picture Mouldings.

Upholstering Done

On short notice and at reasonable prices.

We make a Specialty of Embalming and Funeral Directing

Both Day and Night Calls promptly attended to. Lowering Device used on all occasions free of charge.

MILLSPAUGH BROTHERS

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Yours for Business.

READY FOR INSPEC- TION

After deciding to continue business in Plymouth, we commenced to hustle for a New Spring Stock, and realizing that our friends and customers would expect extraordinary values after our big cheap sale, we have far exceeded our expectation, and are pleased to state to the people of Plymouth and surrounding country that the Big Store is overcrowded with new and up-to-date Bargains in all departments, and our Prices cannot be equalled.



Men's Suits

\$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00

New patterns, new weaves, up-to-date style and finish, tailored to the height of fashion.

Youth's Suits

Sizes 16 to 20—Long Pants \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 up to \$10. Nobby styles, plain black Clays, blue Serges, pretty checks and stripes. More value crowded into these Suits than you find elsewhere.

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New Blacks of all description, 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
New Henriettas, all shades.
New Flannels, New Venetians,
New Silks and Velvets,
New Trimmings.

Carpets

Every pattern a new one—old line completely closed out.
Strictly all wool Extra Heavy,
50c, 55c, 60c, 65c
¾ Wools, 39c, 40c, 45c.
½ Wools, 35c, 38c.
Cotton Ingrains, 25c, 30c.
Granites, 25c, 28c.
Mattings, 12c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c.

Ladies' Tailored Suits



Spring Capes, Jackets and Skirts

Our line is strictly up to date and strong values
Ladies' Suits, \$6.00 to \$15.00
Jackets \$3.00 to \$10.00
Capes 1.50 to 7.50
Skirts 1.00 to 7.50

Ladies Muslin Underwear

Night Robes 50c, 75c, \$1
White Skirts 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50
Drawers 25c, 50c, 75c.
Corset Covers 25c, 50c.
Gauze and Balbriggan Underwear
5c to 50c.

The Little Gents

Age 4 to 16

\$1.50 up to \$6.00

- 3 Piece Vestee, silk vest.
- 2 Piece Double Breasted.
- 3 Piece Single Breasted.

Sailor Suits.

Pretty blue Checks and Stripes, the neatest line shown in this country.

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1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, up to \$4.00

Try a pair. They cost no more than other kinds and wear twice as long. Every pair warranted.

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Beautiful Ties, 25c, 50c, 75c.
Tiecks, Narrow Four-in-hands, Bows,
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All new and up-to-date styles,
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Bought direct from the makers. There is no store in the country showing so strong a line.

Boys', Children's and Misses Shoes—complete line, all short prices.

Ladies' Shoes

Our leading brands are—Favorite \$1.50; Colonial \$2; American Girl \$2.50; Julia Marlowe \$3; Our Marian \$3.50. Walking Shoes \$1 up to \$2.50.

Ladies' Wrappers

Every style a Leader.
69c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.

Shirt Waists

Beautiful Assortment, from
39c to \$5.00.

Wash Waists, 39c to \$2.00
Wool Waists, 75c to 3.50
Silk Waists, \$2.50 to 5.00

CORSETS

R. & G. Straight Front.

Finest and best wearing Corset in the market and will not stretch.

\$1.00

Other good brands—Armorside, FCC., Pandora and many others.

TRUNKS and VALISES

Largest Assortment
Highest in quality
Lowest in price.

Lace Curtains

Largest and finest line ever shown in Plymouth.

75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and up to \$6.00 the pair.

Working Clothing

We carry the largest and most complete line of Men's
in this part of the country. Overalls 25c, 39c, 50c. Work Shirts 25c, 39c, 50c. Working Pants 50c, 75c, \$1. Jackets 39c, 50c and 75c.

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Right here—Don't buy a dollar's worth of Goods in any store until you have thoroughly examined our

New Stock and Prices.

New Dress Shirts and Collars

Silver Brand Shirts, \$1.00
Gold Brand Shirts, \$1.50
Puritan Brand Shirts, 50c

Finest fitters and styles in the market.

Hats @ Caps

COMPLETE NEW LINE

All new Shades and Shapes in Stiff and Soft Hats,
\$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.

Caps—New shapes and colorings,
25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.

Rugs, Draperies, Shades, Curtain Poles

All Styles at Lowest Prices.

It Pays to Trade at the Big Outfitting Store

E. L. RIGGS,

PLYMOUTH CASH OUTFITTER

P. S.—Farmers, we want all the Good Butter and Fresh Eggs we can buy in exchange for goods.